MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR : (*a*) Transfers from one department to another are not made unless on the recommendation of the Head of the Department requiring the services of the officer, and unless the Government are convinced that such a transfer is necessary to enhance the efficiency of the department, and the public interests.

(*b*) Yes.

*Reallocation of the wards of the Alleppey Municipal Town.*

46. *MR. G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received representations for the reallocation and redistribution of some of the wards of the Alleppey municipal town ; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken on the representation ?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (a).

*Alwaye Town.*

47. * MR. P. O. THOMAS : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government have any idea of improving and expanding Alwaye town ; and

(*b*) if so, the lines on which that is going to be achieved ?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*a*) The Alwaye Municipal Council has submitted to Government a scheme for improving and expanding the town.

(*b*) The Scheme is under investigation and no decision has been arrived at.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : Am I to take it that the Government have no idea of improving and expanding the Alwaye town on its own initiative ?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR : The Alwaye Municipal Council sent up a scheme for improving the town estimated to cost six lakhs of rupees. That was sent to the Chief Engineer and an investigation committee has been set up to go into the question. Meanwhile, the Commissioner of the Municipal Council has sent up certain proposals for extending the limits of the Municipal Town. That is the stage at which the matter stands at present.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : My question was whether the Government have any idea of improving the Alwaye Municipal Town. So I request Government to give me a direct answer apart from the intention of the Alwaye Municipality taking up this question.

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR : Such a proposal cannot be considered without getting the considered opinion of the several heads of departments.



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**PRESIDENT:** If the Alwaye Municipal Council does not embark on a sufficiently comprehensive scheme of improvement and is not able to carry it out, naturally the Government will take up that question in view of the fact that Alwaye is becoming a big industrial centre of Travancore.

*Municipality at Palai.*

48. ✻**MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have sanctioned a municipality at Palai in Minachil taluk;

(*b*) whether there was any objection for its starting; and

(*c*) whether any final decision has been arrived at?

**MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR:** (*a*) The matter is under consideration.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

*I. N. A. Personnel.*

49. ✻**MR. THEROOR S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI** (*Thovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state what kinds of help they have afforded to the I. N. A. Personnel belonging to this State?

**MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR:** None so far. They have not been formally approached for any help.

*Places of public worship and cemeteries.*

50. ✻**MR. K. A. MATHEW:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the rules recently made by the Government through the Notification of 6th April 1946 regarding the creation or use of places of public worship, cemeteries and crematoria would mean severe hardships to a large section of the people of Travancore and denial of religious liberty to them?

**MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR:** No.

**MR. K. A. MATHEW:** In answer to the question, may I ask the Government whether they are aware of the fact that the present rule on the subject works serious hardship to a section of the people of Travancore? The rule reads:

> "No permission granted for the erection or use of any place as a cemetery or crematorium shall be valid unless it has been availed of within a period of three months from the date of the permission."

Are the Government aware that if any church are other organisations are not able to bury the dead body within three months, the permission becomes invalid?

**PRESIDENT:** The time for questions has elapsed and so we will proceed to the next item on the agenda.

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